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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

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- Since Wednesday, 47 residents have tested positive, and 27 more have recovered from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 7,955. With 6,189 recovered and 242 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,524 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 715 residents in quarantine.
- Patriots' Day is Monday, April 19, and Spring Break begins for students; allowing many residents a well-needed break, but there will be no rest for COVID-19: Continue to protect yourself and others from the virus. Please keep your celebrations small and with those in your household, wear face coverings, practice social distancing, avoid crowds, wash your hands in warm water for 20 seconds, and disinfect high-touch surfaces to slow the spread of the virus. To control the community spread of COVID-19, people must follow isolation and quarantine orders. At this time, all Framingham residents ages 0 18 who are identified as a close contact will be quarantined for ten days.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and Twitter @Framingham\_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>

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